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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: OGEN SUBJECT: POWER

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- 1. PROPOSAL PURCHASE POWER FROM ISRAELI SOURCE MAY, REPEAT MAY, BE FEASIBLE. WILL AWAIT RETURN DIRECTOR FOR COMMENT ON DESIRABILITY DOING SO.
- 2. I DISCUSSED SFM AND J-1 RELATIVE POWER CAPABILITIES WITH COLONEL DWCI, COMMANDER J-1, YESTERDAY ON BASIS POSSIBLE EMERGENCY SUPPORT. HE SAID J-1 HAS THREE 2,000 KW GENERATORS. THEY USE AN AVERAGE ABOUT 3,000 KW WITH PEAK PERIODS OF 4,000. MAINLY RUN TWO GENERATORS WITH ONE STAND BY. HE ALSO

HAS SIX 150 KW GENERATORS AS EMERGENCY BACKUP AT VARIOUS J-1 SECTIONS. SAID HE COULD LEND US A 150 GENERATOR ANYTIME ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY. RUNNING A CABLE BETWEEN TWO CAMPS WOULD REQUIRE HIGHER AUTHORITY.

3. NOTE THAT SFM USES AN AVERAGE ABOUT 300-400 KW WITH PEAK PERIODS UP TO 500 OR 600 KW. ADDITION THIS LOAD WOULD APPEAR WITHIN CAPACITY J-1 PLANT AS GENERALLY DESCRIBED BY COLONEL DANI. HOWEVER MIGHT REQUIRE THEM REGULARLY RUN THREE GENERATORS CONFIDENTIAL

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ITH REDUCED RESERVE.

4. WE ARE CONTINUING EXPLORE OUR GENERATOR OPERATING DIFFICULTIES. ONE MAY BE THAT AMBIENT AIR TAKEN INTO ENGINES IS BETWEEN 140 TO 150 DEGREES WHEREAS RECOMMENDED TEMPERATURE IS 110 DEGREES. AN ANSWER MAY BE BETTER AIR CIRCULATION WITHIN OUR PLANT. ROBERTS

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